

1 WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image pickup apparatus comprising:

5 (a) image pickup means for converting an optical image on a focal plane into an electrical image signal, and outputting the electrical image signal;

(b) vibration detection means for detecting a vibration amount of an image pickup apparatus main body;

10 (c) optical axis decentering means for decentering an optical axis so as to cause the optical image to coincide with a predetermined position on the focal plane of said image pickup means;

15 (d) driving control means for controlling a decentering amount of said optical axis decentering means on the basis of a detection output from said vibration detection means; and

20 (e) control means for, when said image pickup means outputs the electrical image signal, controlling to permit a driving operation of said optical axis decentering means by said driving control means.

2. An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said optical axis decentering means comprises a variable angle prism.

25 3. An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

1 monitor means for displaying the electrical image
signal output from said image pickup means.

4. An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein
5 said monitor means comprises an electronic viewfinder.

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10 5. An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein
when no image is output to said electronic viewfinder,
said control means controls said driving control means
to move said optical axis decentering means to a
position where a decentering amount with respect to the
optical axis becomes 0, and thereafter, disables said
driving control means.

15 6. An image pickup apparatus comprising:
image pickup means for converting an optical image
on a focal plane into an electrical image signal;

recording means for at least recording the
electrical image signal from said image pickup means;

20 vibration detection means for detecting a
vibration amount of an image pickup apparatus main
body;

optical axis decentering means for decentering an
optical axis so as to cause the optical image to
25 coincide with a predetermined position on the focal
plane of said image pickup means;

9. An image pickup apparatus comprising:

(a) image pickup means for converting an optical image on a focal plane into an electrical image signal;

25 (b) recording/reproduction means for recording the electrical image signal from said image pickup means, and reproducing a recorded signal;

1 (c) vibration detection means for detecting a
vibration amount of an image pickup apparatus main body;

(d) optical axis decentering means for
decentering an optical axis so as to cause the optical
5 image to coincide with a predetermined position on the
focal plane of said image pickup means;

(e) driving control means for controlling a
decentering amount of said optical axis decentering
means on the basis of a detection output from said
10 vibration detection means; and

(f) control means for, when said
recording/reproduction means reproduces the recorded
signal, stopping operations of said optical axis
decentering means and said driving control means.

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10. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein
said optical axis decentering means comprises a
variable angle prism.

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11. An apparatus according to claim 9, wherein
said control means locks a position of said optical
axis decentering means during reproduction.

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